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Case No. <u>659/1528 (K-C 14,954)</u>

Examiner: Jeffrey C. Mullis

Group Art Unit No.: 1711

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Wang et al.

Serial No.: 09/579,842

Filing Date: May 26, 2000

For: MOISTURE-INDUCED

POLY(ETHYLENE OXIDE) GEL, METHOD OF MAKING SAME AND ARTICLES USING SAME

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 – Mail Stop RCE Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated July 30, 2003 for a period of <u>3</u> months to and including January 30, 2004.

Applicant:

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		claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.				
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		Extension Months	Other Than Small Entity	_	Small Entity	
		One Month Two Months Three Months Four Months Five Months	\$110.00 \$420.00 \$950.00 \$1,480.00 \$2,010.00		\$55.00 \$210.00 \$475.00 \$740.00 \$1,005.00	
Fee Payment						
\boxtimes	Attached is a check for \$950.00 for the Petition fee.					
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	Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.					
\boxtimes	Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.					
Dated	:	January 30, 2	<u>2004</u> (G. Peter I	Nichols ion No. 34,401 for Applicants	

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